

NEWFOUND LAKE

2019 SAMPLING HIGHLIGHTS

Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed



Blue = Excellent

Yellow = Fair

Red = Poor

Light Gray = No Data

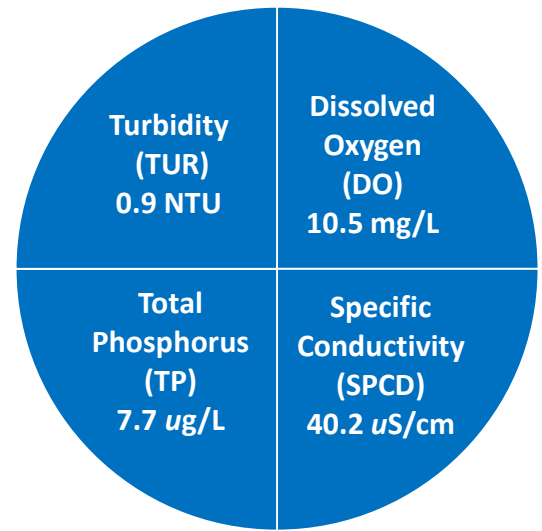


Figure 1. Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Average Water Quality (2019)

Table 1. 2019 Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Seasonal Average Water Quality Measurements.

Parameter	Assessment Criteria					Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Average (range)	Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Classification
Turbidity * (NTU)	< 0 - 5.0 Desirable	6 - 10 Low Impact	11 - 50 Moderate impact	51 - 100 Moderate - high impact	> 101 High impact	0.9 NTU (range: 0.4 - 2.3)	Desirable
pH (standard units)	< 5.5 suboptimal for successful fish growth and reproduction		5.5 - 6.5 sufficient for successful fish growth and reproduction		6.5 - 8.5 optimal range for fish growth and reproduction	6.6 standard units (range: 6.3 - 6.9)	Optimum range for successful fish growth and reproduction
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	< 5 Suboptimal for successful brook trout growth and survival		> 5 Typically sufficient for successful brook trout growth and survival			10.5 mg/L (range: 6.8 - 13.4)	Typically sufficient for successful brook trout growth and survival
Specific * Conductivity (uS/cm)	0 - 100 Normal	101 - 200 Low Impact	201 - 500 Moderate Impact	> 501 High Impact		40.2 uS/cm (range: 16.4 - 109.2)	Normal
Total * Phosphorus (ug/L)	< 10 ug/L Ideal	11 - 25 Average	26.0 - 50.0 More than desirable	> 51 Excessive		7.7 ug/L (range: 3.8 - 17.7)	Ideal

* Water quality assessment criteria are provided by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for general guidance only. Natural variations among rivers and streams will occur and should be considered when interpreting the water quality data.

Table 2. 2019 Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Seasonal Average Water Quality Inter-comparison among Sampling Stations.

Site ID *	Average Turbidity (NTU)	Average Specific Conductivity (uS/cm)	Average Total Phosphorus (ug/L)	Average Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Average pH (standard units)
DBB-H03	1.1	73.2	8.3	10.7	6.6
DBB-U05	0.6	26.1	4.3	10.9	6.8
DBB-U10	1.4	39.6	9.8	10.7	6.7
DBB-U20	0.6	21.7	8.5	9.6	6.5

* Refer to Figure 4 for a map of the sampling locations.

Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed Highlights

The Dick Brown Brook subwatershed is the fourth largest stream drainage network that feeds into Newfound Lake. The 2,096-acre Dick Brown Brook subwatershed is monitored with four active sampling locations that are positioned at various points along Dick Brown Brook and its feeder streams. Sampling locations were selected to characterize the overall water quality and to screen for potential problem areas within the Dick Brown Brook subwatershed.

The 2019 Dick Brown Brook water quality measurements generally indicate high water quality among the sampling sites. However, variations in average specific conductivity concentrations (a surrogate for salt runoff) among sites are apparent (Figure 2). The downstream sampling station, DBB-H03, was characterized by the highest average specific conductivity in 2019 (Figure 2). A comparison between the 2019 and the 2010-2018 average specific conductivity data exhibits similar patterns among the sampling locations (Figure 2); stations with lower average specific conductivity in 2019 were also characterized by lower 2010-2018 specific conductivity.

The 2019 average turbidity (suspended soil and other particles) levels were low while the average total phosphorus (nutrient) concentrations were low to moderate in the Dick Brown Brook subwatershed (Figure 3).

Dissolved oxygen concentrations remained sufficient to support successful fish growth and reproduction.

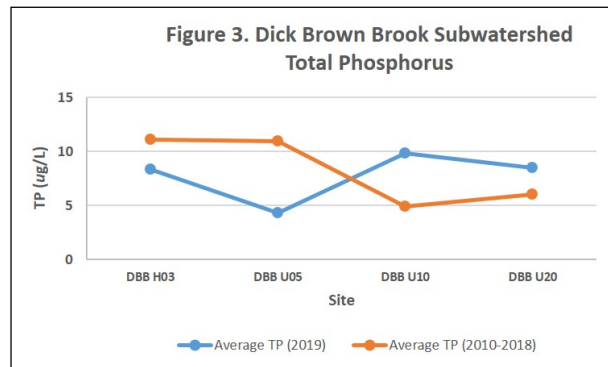
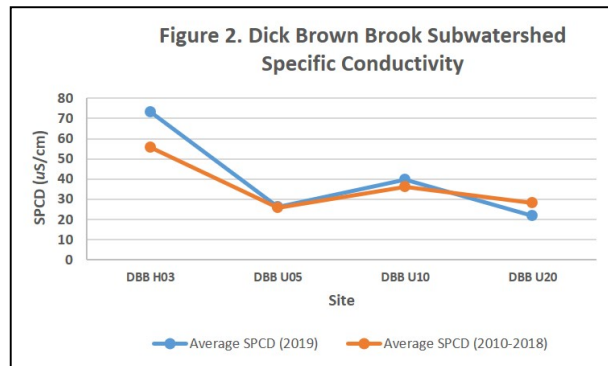


Table 3. Comparison of Seasonal Average Water Quality by Subwatershed (2019)

Subwatershed	Average * Turbidity (NTU)	Average * Specific Conductivity (uS/cm)	Average * Total Phosphorus (ug/L)	Average * Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Average * pH (Standard Units)
Black Brook	2.2	159.6	9.3	12.2	6.4
Cockermouth River	0.5	39.9	4.9	11.8	6.4
Dick Brown Brook	0.9	40.2	7.7	10.5	6.6
Fowler River	0.6	29.3	7.7	10.9	6.3
Georges Brook	0.5	39.0	6.8	10.8	6.4
Hemlock Brook	0.4	36.7	5.4	10.8	6.8
Whittemore Brook	0.3	26.9	5.0	11.0	6.6
Tilton Brook	0.4	107.3	7.5	11.1	6.7

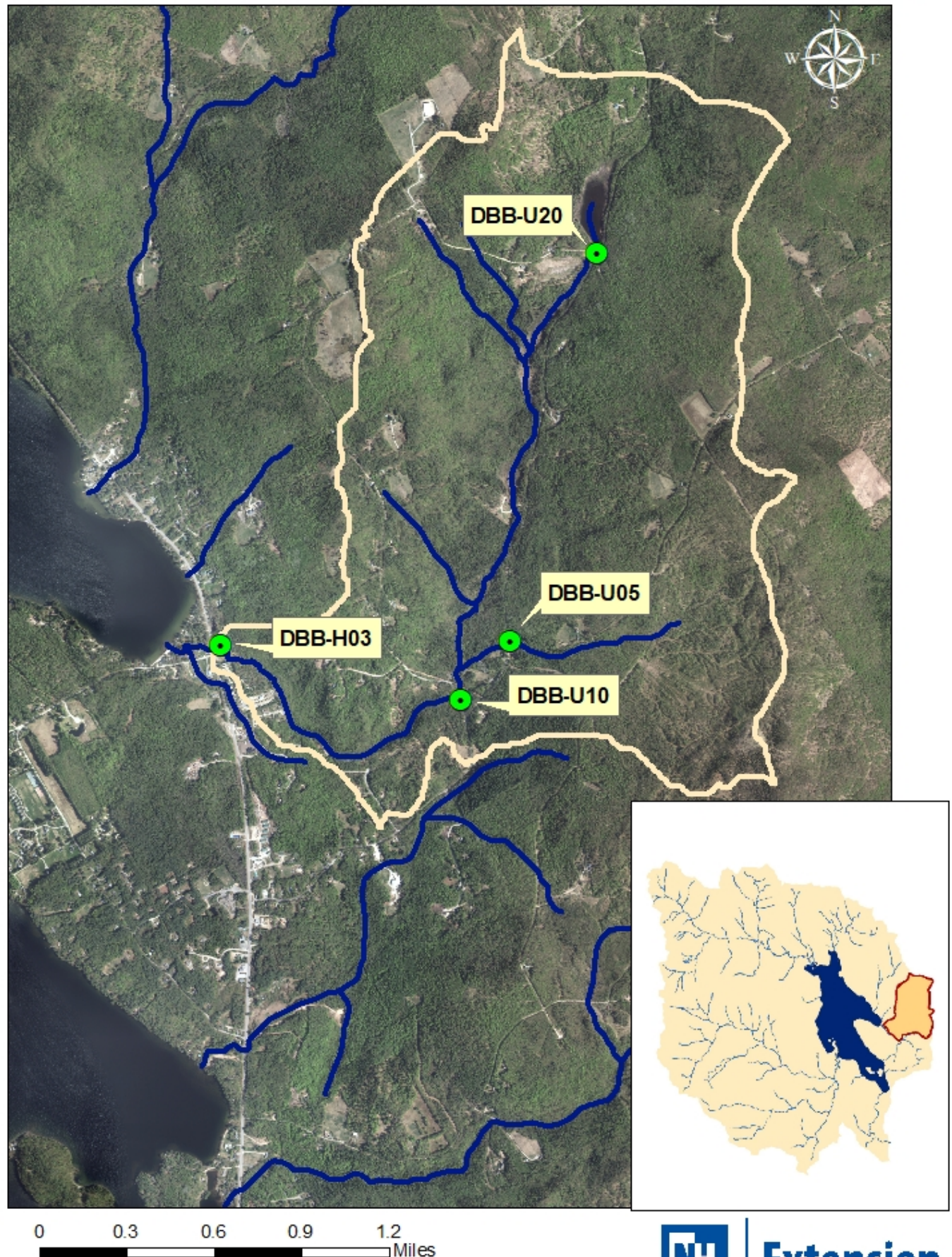
* The displayed water quality results are average values for all sampling locations within the respective subwatersheds.

Recommendations for Property Owners:

Implement Best Management Practices within the Newfound Lake watershed to minimize the adverse impacts of polluted runoff and erosion into the lake. Refer to “Landscaping at the Water’s Edge: An Ecological Approach” and “New Hampshire Homeowner’s Guide to Stormwater Management: Do-It-Yourself Stormwater Solutions for Your Home” for more information on how to reduce nutrient loading caused by overland run-off.

- https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource004159_Rep5940.pdf
- <https://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/wd-11-11.pdf>

Figure 4.
2019 Sampling Highlights - Dick Brown Brook Subwatershed



Aerial Orthophoto Source: NH GRANIT
Site location GPS coordinates collected by the UNH Center for Freshwater Biology



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